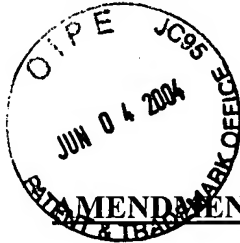


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) The implant material of claim 20, wherein the particles have intraparticulate pores, said pores having dimensions effective to permit soft tissue to grow therein.
2. (Previously Presented) Implant material of claim 20 wherein said particles have a diameter of up to about 500 microns.
3. (Original) Implant material of claim 2 wherein said particles have a diameter of about 50 to about 200 microns.
4. (Canceled).
5. (Previously Presented) Implant material of claim 1 wherein said pores comprise up to about 60 percent of said implant material.
6. (Original) Implant material of claim 5 wherein said pores comprise between about 40 and about 60 percent of said implant material.
7. (Original) Implant material of claim 1 wherein said pores have a size of less than about 100 microns.
8. (Original) Implant material of claim 7 wherein said pores have a size of between about 50 and about 100 microns.
9. (Previously Presented) Implant material of claim 20 further comprising collagen.
10. (Original) Implant material of claim 9 wherein said collagen comprises between about 30% and about 65% of said implant material by volume.

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57. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 51 wherein said particles have a diameter of up to about 500 microns.

58. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 57 wherein said particles have a diameter of about 50 to about 200 microns.

59. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 51 further comprising collagen.

60. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 59 wherein said collagen comprises between about 30% and about 65% of said implant material by volume.

61. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 60 wherein said collagen comprises about 50% of said implant material by volume.

62. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 59 wherein said collagen comprises injectable collagen.

63. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 51 further comprising at least one bioactive substance.

64. (Currently Amended) Implant ~~material~~ of claim 63 wherein said at least one bioactive substance is grafted to said biologically-compatible particles.

65-88. (Canceled).

89. (Previously Presented) A soft tissue implant material comprising at least partially non-resorbable biologically-compatible polymeric particles having a coating of calcium hydroxide thereon, wherein said particles have interstices therebetween having dimensions effective to permit soft tissue to grow therein.

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93. (Previously Presented) Implant material of claim 90, wherein the biologically-compatible polymeric particles are non-resorbable.